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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Biggest Crop Year on Record

Crops made further gains last month and conditions to August 1 point to a total output of crops exceeding all previous years. New highs were indicated for both production and per acre yields.

Crop Reporting Board points out that excessive rain in some sections were more than offset by general freedom from July drought or damage from excessive heat.

Major gains were indicated for corn, oats, barley, spring wheat, and flaxseed. Smaller but important increases for winter wheat, hay, rice, dry beans, and tobacco. (For index of total farm output, including livestock as well as crops, see table on page 4)

Pastures Unexcelled

Pastures are the best for the date in years.¹ They are uniformly good to excellent in the eastern part of the Nation from the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to the Atlantic. Only the West shows the usual declining pasture conditions since July 1. Western livestock show good gains, however, and are in the best August 1 condition since 1950.

Near Record Hay Crop

Hay production is estimated at 116 million tons. This is only 5 percent below last year's big crop and tops average by 10 percent. Growing conditions continued generally favorable for hay crops over the whole country. Exceptions included dry sections in Northwestern North Dakota and eastern Montana and flooded spots in the Central and Southern States, especially Missouri.

Corn Forecast at 3.5 Billion Bushels

Corn is estimated at 3.5 billion bushels, second highest production on record, up 5 percent from the July 1 forecast, 2 percent more than 1957 and 11 percent above average.

Wheat, 50 Percent More Than Last Year

All wheat, at 1.4 billion bushels, is a new record, 6 percent more than forecast last month, 50 percent more than 1957 and 27 percent above average. Includes winter wheat, 1,171 million bushels, durum, 18.8 million; other spring wheat 231.2 million.

Oats, 3 Percent More Than Last Year

This year's production of oats, at 1,345 million bushels, is up 7 percent from last month, 3 percent more than last year and 4 percent more than average.

New Record Barley Production

Barley prospects improved 7 percent last month and a record crop of 453 million bushels

was indicated as of August 1. Would top last year's previous record by 17 million bushels or 4 percent.

Sorghum Triples Average Crop

Sorghum grain, estimated at 496 million bushels, is down 12 percent from last year's big production but about 3 times the average. Record yield per acre offsets some of the acreage reduction from last year.

More Soybeans Than Last Year

Soybeans are estimated at 536 million bushels, a new record, up 12 percent from the 1957 production and 81 percent above average. High indicated yields on the largest acreage ever grown.

More Late Summer and Fall Potatoes

Late summer potatoes, at 36 million hundred-weight are expected to exceed production a year ago by 11 percent and top average by 8 percent. Fall potatoes are forecast at 174 million cwt., up 11 percent from 1957.

Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	June 15 1958	July 15 1958	July 1958
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer, upland (lb.)..... ct.	29.09	30.77	38.55
Wheat (bu.) dol.	1.70	1.64	2.44
Rice (100 lb.)..... dol.	5.05	4.92	5.98
Corn (bu.) dol.	1.19	1.18	1.76
Peanuts (lb.)..... ct.	11.0	-	13.2
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Butterfat in cream (lb) ct.	57.3	57.4	75.9
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.)..... dol.	3.68	¹ 3.84	5.06
Wool (lb.)..... ct.	² 37.7	² 37.4	70.8
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.)..... dol.	.907	.923	1.35
Cottonseed (ton) dol.	-	45.00	69.80
Flaxseed (bu.)..... dol.	2.64	2.85	4.33
Hay, baled (ton)..... dol.	17.10	17.10	25.80
Oats (bu.)..... dol.	.615	.576	.884
Potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	1.65	1.72	2.48
Rye (bu.)..... dol.	.952	.958	1.60
Sorghum, grain (100 lb.)..... dol.	1.76	1.82	2.67
Soybeans (bu.)..... dol.	2.13	2.11	3.04
Sweet potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	5.52	5.81	5.49
Oranges, on tree (box)..... dol.	3.71	3.77	2.40
Apples, for fresh use (bu.)..... dol.	3.71	2.72	3.08
Beef cattle (100 lb.)..... dol.	22.30	22.20	23.20
Calves (100 lb.)..... dol.	24.70	25.20	25.60
Hogs (100 lb.)..... dol.	21.60	21.40	22.10
Lambs (100 lb.)..... dol.	21.20	21.40	26.00
Chickens, all (lb.)..... ct.	20.3	18.7	28.6
Eggs (dozen)..... ct.	33.9	35.9	48.8

¹ Preliminary

² Does not include incentive payment to bring season average return to 62 cents per pound.

¹ Crop estimates, based on conditions to Aug. 1.

More Dry Beans

Dry bean production, at 18.4 million bags (100 lb. cleaned) is one-sixth above last year and nearly a tenth above the 10-year average. Higher acreage than last year also highest per acre yield of record.

Dry Peas, Smaller Crop

Production of dry peas, at 2,459,000 bags (100 lb. cleaned) is down a fourth from last year and 29 percent below average. Small planted acreage, though better than average yield. Prospects are slightly better than last month.

More Peanuts Than Last Year

Peanut crop is estimated at 1,657 million pounds, up 15 percent from last year's production. 10-year average crop is 1,717 million pounds. This year's estimate for the Virginia-Carolina area, at 510 million pounds is down from last year by about 3 percent; for the

Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1957		1958		
	July	Yr.	May	June	July
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Nonfarm employment, (civilian) ¹	59.4	58.8	57.8	58.1	58.5
Farm Employment.....	8.7	7.6	8.4	8.7	8.6
Family.....	6.1	5.8	6.3	6.2	6.0
Hired.....	2.7	1.8	2.1	2.5	2.7
Index numbers (1947-49 = 100)					
Industrial production ²	145	143	128	131	133
Total personal income payments ³	173	171	172	173	-
Weekly factory earnings ⁴	161	163	141	145	145
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker ⁴	156	156	155	157	158
Wholesale prices, all commodities ⁴	118	118	120	119	119
Farm commodities.....	93	91	98	96	95
Food, processed.....	107	106	113	114	113
Consumer price index ⁴	121	120	124	124	-
Food.....	117	115	122	122	-
Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)					
Prices received by farmers.....	246	242	264	255	254
Crops.....	237	233	246	232	228
Food grains.....	218	225	221	197	190
Feed grains and hay.....	170	170	163	167	165
Cotton.....	273	264	246	246	260
Tobacco.....	460	465	475	474	473
Oil bearing crops.....	250	252	238	239	227
Fruit.....	216	214	268	277	253
Vegetables for fresh market.....	276	249	314	232	209
Livestock and products.....	254	249	280	275	277
Meat animals.....	297	279	355	348	347
Dairy products.....	253	264	244	241	246
Poultry and eggs.....	155	162	168	163	166
Prices paid by farmers.....	273	273	283	282	282
All commodities.....	287	286	294	293	293
Used in living.....	257	258	271	270	270
Used in production.....	295	296	306	305	305
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....	552	558	567	567	566
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted.....	83	82	86	84	83
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index).....					

¹ Bureau of the Census.

³ Revised (Department of Commerce).

² Federal Reserve Board.

⁴ Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Southeast area, the estimated 783 million pounds is about 19 percent above last year. In the Southwest area indicated production is 364 million pounds, which tops all recent years except 1955.

Flaxseed, Far Ahead of 1957 Production

Flaxseed, forecast at 36.7 million bushels, is 42 percent above last year's production, but 11 percent below average. Estimated yield per acre is 9.4 bushels, only slightly above average but almost double last year.

Bigger Rice Crop

Rice production, estimated at 48 million bags (100 lb.), is 11 percent above last year's small crop and 2 percent above average. Higher yields per acre and larger acreage than last year.

Cotton Crop up 6% From Last Year

The August 1 cotton forecast of 11,583,000 bales (500 lb.) is 6 percent more than last year's crop of 10,964,000 bales. Compares with the 1947-56 average of 14,136,000 bales. Record high yields per acre indicated in Texas, Oklahoma, and California; near record in New Mexico and Arizona; above average in other States.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan.-June 1957	Jan.-June 1958
<u>Dairy Production</u>			
Milk.....	Bil. lb.	¹ 78.6	¹ 73.4
Evaporated whole milk.....	Mil. lb.	1,384.4	1,218.1
Dry nonfat milk solids (for human food).....	Mil. lb.	1,151.9	1,042.2
Butter, creamery.....	Mil. lb.	793.7	787.1
Cheese, American.....	Mil. lb.	563.6	543.5
Ice cream.....	Mil. gal.	312.5	314.2
<u>Poultry Production</u>			
Eggs.....	Billions	¹ 37.2	¹ 36.4
Poultry meat ²	Mil. lb.	2,051	2,207
Canned poultry.....	Mil. lb.	104.1	128.3
Liquid egg.....	Mil. lb.	357.7	323.5
Dried egg (egg solids).....	Mil. lb.	19.7	14.0
Frozen egg.....	Mil. lb.	257.4	247.4
Chicks hatched, total ³	Millions	¹ 1,421	¹ 1,630
Chicks hatched, broiler ³	Millions	¹ 965	¹ 1,114
Poults hatched ³ :			
Heavy breeds.....	Millions	¹ 69.8	¹ 66.2
Light breeds.....	Millions	¹ 11.1	¹ 10.7
<u>Meat Production ²</u> (dressed weight)			
Beef.....	Mil. lb.	6,881	6,322
Veal.....	Mil. lb.	693	556
Pork.....	Mil. lb.	4,756	4,626
Lamb and mutton.....	Mil. lb.	358	350
Total red meat.....	Mil. lb.	12,688	11,854
<u>Slaughter ²</u>			
Cattle.....	1,000 head	12,885	11,631
Calves.....	1,000 head	5,813	4,764
Hogs.....	1,000 head	35,892	34,159
Sheep and lambs.....	1,000 head	7,537	7,134

¹ January-July.

³ By commercial hatcheries.

² Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

Slightly More Tobacco Than Last Year

Tobacco (all types) is forecast at 1,728 million pounds. This is 2 percent above the July estimate and 4 percent above 1957 production, but is 19 percent below the 1947-56 average.

Flue-cured, at 1,054 million pounds, is 8 percent above 1957 production but 19 percent below average.

Burley crop is estimated at 481 million pounds, down from last year by 1.5 percent and 15 percent below average.

Maryland, type 32, is estimated at 32.4 million pounds, compared with the 10-year average production of 38.8 million pounds.

Fire-cured, at 43.3 million pounds, is 14 percent less than harvested last season and is smallest crop of record.

Dark air cured, types 35-37, at 21.4 million pounds, is 5 percent below 1957 production and the lowest of record.

Cigar filler production is placed at 53 million pounds, 16 percent above last year.

Other Crops, August 1 Forecast

Rye--34,093,000 bushels, 29 percent larger than the 1957 crop and 52 percent above average.

Sweetpotatoes--17,807,000 cwt., 1 percent below the 1957 crop and 10 percent below average.

Sugarcane (for sugar and seed)--7,332,000 tons, compared with 6,750,000 tons produced last year and 6,795,000 tons average.

Sugar beets--14,631,000 tons, 6 percent below last year's record production of 15,479,000 tons.

Broomcorn--33,000 tons, nearly one-fourth less than 1957 production but about the same as average.

Hops--51,918,000 pounds, 29 percent above last year and 5 percent above average.

Apples--126 million bushels, 6 percent above last year and 16 percent above average.

Peaches--75.5 million bushels, 21 percent larger than last year, 20 percent greater than average.

Pears--28,204,000 bushels, 11 percent less than 1957 and 5 percent below average.

Smaller Milk Output; More Eggs

Milk output in July, was 1 percent less than in July last year but was 1 percent more than the 1947-56 average for the month. The estimated 11,469 million pounds produced compares with 11,597 million a year earlier.

Milk produced in the 7 months, January through July, totaled 78,375 million pounds compared with 78,611 million a year earlier.

Relative to population, July production was enough to provide 2.13 pounds of milk per person, per day, or 2 percent less than July last year and 10 percent less than average for the month.

The 4.9 billion eggs laid last month was 3 percent more than in July 1957; total January through July, however, was down from a year earlier by 2 percent.

More Potential Layers, August 1

Potential layers on farms August 1 totaled 461 million--4 percent above a year earlier. Increases were 7 percent in the East North Central, 6 percent in the South Atlantic, 4 percent in the West North Central and West, 2 percent in the South Central and 1 percent in the North Atlantic States.

Fresh Vegetables Same as Year Ago

Production of vegetables (excluding melons) this summer is expected to equal that of a year ago and top the average by 4 percent. Largest increase from a year ago is for sweet corn; greatest decline, for onions.

Small Changes in Farm Employment

Total persons working on farms in late July numbered about 8,618,000. This was about 1 percent below the level a year earlier and was only slightly under the number of persons employed on the Nation's farms the last week in June 1958. Both family and hired workers showed small declines from a year earlier.

CURRENT ESTIMATES

Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings by States, June 1958¹

State	Livestock and products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Maine	9,426	2,999	12,425
New Hampshire.....	4,354	484	4,838
Vermont.....	8,477	558	9,035
Massachusetts.....	8,523	2,876	11,399
Rhode Island.....	1,121	226	1,347
Connecticut.....	8,194	3,740	11,934
New York.....	54,060	12,159	66,219
New Jersey.....	14,481	13,951	28,432
Pennsylvania.....	50,528	10,158	60,686
Ohio.....	53,375	19,101	72,476
Indiana.....	59,050	15,864	74,914
Illinois.....	106,802	45,943	152,745
Michigan.....	34,277	17,694	51,971
Wisconsin.....	81,335	6,706	88,041
Minnesota.....	83,797	19,664	103,461
Iowa.....	159,509	19,658	179,167
Missouri.....	61,883	23,527	85,410
North Dakota.....	17,183	15,055	32,238
South Dakota.....	34,750	7,473	42,223
Nebraska.....	54,438	13,455	67,893
Kansas.....	31,229	77,324	108,553
Delaware.....	7,204	2,059	9,263
Maryland.....	14,941	8,180	23,121
Virginia.....	23,032	7,162	30,194
West Virginia.....	7,580	1,007	8,587
North Carolina.....	23,928	19,460	43,388
South Carolina.....	8,634	11,830	20,464
Georgia.....	33,788	22,446	56,234
Florida.....	14,103	65,613	79,716
Kentucky.....	26,688	3,880	30,568
Tennessee.....	23,406	4,786	28,192
Alabama.....	22,622	10,871	33,493
Mississippi.....	21,763	7,043	28,806
Arkansas.....	21,720	8,272	29,992
Louisiana.....	12,434	4,292	16,726
Oklahoma.....	30,269	95,053	125,322
Texas.....	80,310	77,176	157,486
Montana.....	9,397	8,232	17,629
Idaho.....	16,021	6,461	22,482
Wyoming.....	6,232	466	6,698
Colorado.....	23,630	4,900	28,530
New Mexico.....	5,290	2,761	8,051
Arizona.....	11,892	24,012	35,904
Utah.....	7,355	1,449	8,804
Nevada.....	2,393	136	2,529
Washington.....	17,645	12,597	30,242
Oregon.....	14,215	20,389	34,604
California.....	91,588	149,386	240,974
United States.....	1,514,872	908,534	2,423,406

Erratum: Date in heading last month should have read "May 1958" instead of April 1958.

¹ All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

Cash Receipts from Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States¹

	June 1958	July 1958 ²
CASH RECEIPTS:	<i>Mil. dol.</i>	<i>Mil. dol.</i>
Total marketings and CCC loans ³	2,423	2,700
Livestock and products.....	1,515	1,500
Meat animals.....	833	
Dairy products.....	399	
Poultry and eggs.....	254	
Other.....	29	
Crops.....	908	1,200
Food grains.....	289	
Feed crops.....	182	
Cotton (lint and seed).....	-	
Oil-bearing crops.....	32	
Tobacco.....	7	
Vegetables.....	120	
Fruits and tree nuts.....	202	
Other.....	76	
Government payments.....	109	
Grand total.....	2,532	
VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:	1947-49 = 100	
All commodities.....	111	122
Livestock and products.....	121	120
Crops.....	97	125

¹For comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. ²Preliminary. ³Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-food Products

Year and month	Retail cost ¹	Farm value ²	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1957 average.....	\$1,007	\$402	\$605	40%
1957 June.....	1,014	402	612	40%
1958 May.....	1,085	447	638	41%
1958 June.....	1,084	433	651	40%

¹Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per urban wage-earner and clerical-worker family in 1952, calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

²Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

Index Numbers of Total Farm Output, Gross Production of Livestock and Crops, and Related Indexes, United States (1947-49=100)¹

Item	1955-57	1957	Indicated 1958 ²
Farm output.....	113	113	118
All livestock and livestock products ³	121	121	123
Meat animals.....	123	120	121
Dairy products.....	110	111	112
Poultry and eggs.....	132	137	142
All crops ⁴	106	106	113
Feed grains.....	115	121	123
Hay and forage.....	117	126	118
Food grains.....	81	79	115
Vegetables.....	98	96	99
Fruits and nuts.....	109	112	109
Sugar crops.....	113	126	120
Cotton.....	91	77	81
Tobacco.....	100	83	86
Oil crops.....	142	147	170
Feed used by farm horses and mules ⁵	39	35	32
Cropland used.....	97	95	94
Crop production per acre ⁶	109	112	120
Animal units of breeding livestock ⁷	104	102	101
Livestock production per breeding unit ⁷	116	119	122

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¹For historical data and explanation of indexes, see "Changes in Farm Production and Efficiency," ARS 43-55.

²Indications for 1958 based on August 1958 "Crop Production" report and other releases of the Agricultural Estimates Division, AMS.

³Includes minor livestock products not included in the separate groups shown.

⁴Includes production of some miscellaneous crops not in separate groups shown.

⁵Hay and concentrates only. Not included in farm output.

⁶Index of crop production per acre is a ratio of total crop production to total land used for crops. It differs from the AMS index of yields per harvested acre of 28 crops.

⁷Animal units and production exclude horses and mules.

Smaller Meat Output, First 6 Months

Production of red meat (commercial slaughter) for the first 6 months of 1958 totaled 11,854 million pounds, 7 percent below the same period in 1957.

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